

# THE COMPASS

This Sunday

## OVERCOMING

LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

November 13, 2016



THE  
ASCENT  
CHURCH

# Get Connected

If this is your first visit, thank you for joining us. We hope your visit is meaningful! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Area so we will know you were here. For all guests and attenders, below are steps you can take to engage in our community.



## Explore I

Learn more about our church, meet our Campus Pastors and others on our leadership team.

- Woodmoor Campus: every 1st Sunday, 10:15 am in Room 212.
- Northgate Campus: every 3rd Sunday, 11:30 am in lobby.



## Explore II

Explore II is a workshop for those ready to make The Ascent Church their church home and to be involved in God's mission and vision in our region. Explore II includes why and how to become a member, our trail map for each family member, ministry values, doctrine, and connecting with a Base Camp. Held quarterly at both campuses.



## Base Camps

Base Camps are neighborhood-based groups that meet regularly around our community. To build deeper relationships with your neighbors, visit our website at [theascentchurch.com/basecamps](http://theascentchurch.com/basecamps).



## Serving Opportunities

How is God calling you to help create a welcoming and inviting Sunday experience for our guests and regular attenders? Serving opportunities are available in many areas from Hosting and Greeting, Service Prep Teams, or Technical and General Set-Up Teams. Training is available for each role.

If you have any questions about hosting or serving roles, please email [info@theascentchurch.com](mailto:info@theascentchurch.com).



## Equipping

Our Equipping Classes are designed to help further your walk with Christ. There are many short-term classes offered at both campuses, as well as ongoing women's and men's Bible studies. For more information, visit our website at: [www.theascentchurch.com/equipping](http://www.theascentchurch.com/equipping).

## Community Life

*Jerimiah 29:11*

### **BE ENCOURAGED**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



National Collection Week  
**November 14-21**

PACK A SHOEBOX ➤



## CHRISTMAS TEA

*"All is Calm"*

DECEMBER 3, 2016

2:00 - 4:00 PM

TO HOST A TABLE, REGISTER ONLINE:  
[www.theascentchurch.com](http://www.theascentchurch.com)



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# Response Time

Each Sunday service, after the message, we have a time of response to God. We invite you to engage in worship through some tangible ways throughout our worship space.

- Communion: Available to all who profess Jesus Christ
- Prayer: Pastors or Prayer Partners available in the room
- Song: Engage in singing and expression to God
- Offering: Offering boxes and kiosks are available for giving
- Other: At times we will offer artistic/tactile worship stations

We invite you to move around the room at your own pace and in freedom to worship and respond to God as you feel led. You may engage these areas of worship in any order and at your own pace.



## Christmas Decorating!

Do you love to decorate for Christmas? We are looking for volunteers who want to help us decorate the Woodmoor campus for Christmas. We will be decorating on Tuesday, November 22 from 8am-3pm. Bring a friend! Questions, email: [tara@theascentchurch.com](mailto:tara@theascentchurch.com).



## Giving at The Ascent

- Offering boxes during worship
- Online [www.theascentchurch.com/give1](http://www.theascentchurch.com/give1)
- Kiosk
- The Ascent Church App

Financial information can be obtained by contacting Tara. [tara@theascentchurch.com](mailto:tara@theascentchurch.com)



# Connection Opportunities *This Week*



## Ascent Student Ministry

**ASM Tuesday Dates:** November 15, 29 for MS and HS.

- Middle School: 5:30-6:45pm
- High School: 7:00-8:45pm

**ASM upcoming events:**

[www.theascentchurch.com/students](http://www.theascentchurch.com/students)

## ASM Deep

**ASM DEEP Dates:** November 13, 20.  
No ASM on Nov. 27.

- Northgate: 10am, upstairs.
- Woodmoor: 11am, upstairs.

## Children's Ministry

(Birth - 6th grade)

**Tiny Town:** Birth - PreK

**Adventure Quest:** K - 4th grade

**Elevate:** 5th - 6th grade

- Woodmoor Campus: 9am, 11am
- Northgate Campus: 10am

## Family worship Sundays:

Nov. 27 and Dec. 18 are family worship days for K-6th. Tiny Town will have child care available. The Children's Christmas program will be on December 11 at both campuses.  
[www.theascentchurch.com/kids](http://www.theascentchurch.com/kids)

## Missions

Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to make a difference in the life of a child! Please return this week, no later than November 20. More ideas for what to include in the shoebox available at: [www.theascentchurch.com/missions](http://www.theascentchurch.com/missions).



## Equipping Ministry

**Connections Class:** Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 213.

**Parents of Teens Class:** Sundays, 10:45am, Woodmoor Campus Room 210.

## Women's and Men's Ministries

### **Men on the Ascent Bible Study:**

I & II Corinthians, 6:00am coffee; 6:15am start.

- Woodmoor Campus: Room 213
- Northgate: Cafe Communitas at Marcos Pizza

### **Women on the Ascent Studies:**

Tuesdays, 9am, Woodmoor Campus, childcare available.

Wednesday evening study, I & II Corinthians, Woodmoor Campus, 6:30pm, childcare available.

Info: [www.theascentchurch.com/equipping](http://www.theascentchurch.com/equipping).

### **Christmas Tea:**

The Christmas Tea will be December 3 from 2-4pm. Join this tradition and host a table! Sign up at: [www.theascentchurch.com/women](http://www.theascentchurch.com/women).

We are also looking for bakers who enjoy making Christmas cookies. If you will bake, please call or text Jennifer: (618) 301-8827 or Karen: (210) 412-2041.



# This Sunday's Message

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## Overcoming Failure

Truths that overcome failure:

God uses our great failures for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua 2:1-7

God uses our great failures to \_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua 2:8-11

God uses great "\_\_\_\_\_" to display the "\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

Joshua 2:12-24



## **Shared Engagement and Preparation**

The Compass is a daily devotional and study guide for individuals, families, and Base Camps. The Compass has Biblical reflections for each day, beginning on Monday and leading up to Sunday, which will help us all meditate on the week's passage. In this way, the whole of the church engages in God's Word and prepares for our time of worship and preaching.

## **Deep Engagement and Doable Application**

In order to allow for deep impact by God through His Word, The Compass centers on one passage in three ways — as individuals, with others, in our corporate gatherings — and focuses on applying what God is showing us. Life transformation happens when God's people depend upon and live out what He has revealed to us in His Word.

## **Consistency Over Time**

With a tool such as The Compass, we can mistakenly measure personal spiritual success or failure based on whether we've completed a given day's reflection. Instead, use The Compass as a resource for individual and community growth. If you miss a few days, move on, pick it up from the next day, and seek maturity — God will honor this.

Our prayer is that God will bless you as you seek to connect intimately with Him, intentionally with His people, and influentially in His world.

## **The Compass Passages for November 14 – 19, 2016:**

- Joshua 1:1-9
- Joshua 3:1-17
- Joshua 4:1-24
- Joshua 5:1-15
- Genesis 17:1-14
- Jeremiah 31:31-34, 32:40
- Hebrews 8:8-13, 10:15-25
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 2:38-41, 22:15-16
- Luke 22:7-20

# Monday, November 14, 2016

**Read:** Joshua 1:1-9 and Joshua 3:1-13.

**Reflect:**

In Joshua 1:1-9, record the basic instructions THE LORD gave to Joshua.

From Joshua 3:1-13, list the basic instructions Joshua and the officers gave to the people.

The passages you have just read offer insight into the spiritual preparation Joshua, the officers, and the people had to make in order to do God's will. In your opinion, how did such activity truly prepare these people to know and do God's will?

What kind of spiritual activities are you involved in that prepare you to know and do God's will in your life?

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?**



## **Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

**Read:** Joshua 3:14-17.

**Reflect:**

Look over your comments from yesterday on Joshua 3:1-13. These verses were about the preparation leaders and people made in order to do God's will. Today's verses demonstrate the actions they took to actually do God's will.

What did the leaders and people actually do in response to God's will? Make a list.

What did God do?

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?**

## Wednesday, November 16, 2016

**Read:** Joshua 4:1-14.

**Reflect:**

Record instructions THE LORD gave to Joshua, and then transcribe the instructions Joshua gave the twelve men.

Read Joshua 4:8-14 again. What did the twelve Israelites do?

What did the priests do?

Explain the importance of the twelve stones.

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?**

## Thursday, November 17, 2016

**Read:** Joshua 4:15-24.

**Reflect:**

Look over your reflections from yesterday. In these verses you saw the completion of God's will for the crossing of the Jordan River by the Israelites. They performed God's will, and the purpose of God's will was fully revealed.

Read Joshua 4:15-24 again. Why did the Israelites do what they did?

Read Joshua 4:24 again. What is God saying to you today through this verse?

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you today, and how might you put them into practice?**

**Friday, November 18, 2016**

**Read:** Joshua 5:1-9.

**Reflect:**

Read Genesis 17:1-14. What was God's covenant with Abraham?

What was the reason for circumcision in light of God's covenant with Abraham and his descendants?

Now read Joshua 5:1-9 again. Why, in your opinion, was it important for circumcision to be done again, before the Israelites could take possession of the land God was giving back to them?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and 32:40. This is prophecy of the "new covenant" confirmed through faith in Jesus. Now read Hebrews 8:8-13 and 10:15-25. Circumcision was an important sign of belonging to the "old covenant" for the Israelites. Baptism is the important sign of belonging to the "new covenant" for Christians. Read Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:38-41 and 22:15-16. Why is it important to be baptized as a Christian?

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?**

## **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**Read:** Joshua 5:10-15.

**Reflect:**

The Israelites observed the Passover. Why do you think this was important?

The gift of manna (food from heaven) stopped the day after they observed the Passover. Why do you think this was important?

Read Joshua 5:13-15 again. What, of importance, stands out to you from these verses?

It was important for the Israelites to observe the Passover as a confirmation of their participation in the Abrahamic Covenant. We observe the Lord's Supper (developed out of the Passover observance) as a confirmation of our participation in the New Covenant. Read Luke 22:7-20. What spiritual insights do you have from this reflection?

**What transforming thoughts and/or actions were revealed to you throughout this week, and how might you put them into practice?**

## **Building Our Base Camp Family**

This is week three of our suggested four-week pattern for Base Camps: intergenerational, adult study, mixed, invitation/service.

Discuss with each other some of the things God shared with you last week. How have you followed God's call in these revelations? How can your Base Camp family help?

Spend some time as a mixed group sharing some of the transformational thoughts or actions that God has revealed to you this week. How is God moving in your life?

Remember your group is made up of different ages. Listen intently to all age groups and encourage everyone to share. God often uses His people to speak to each other, sharing different perspectives and experiences.

**Collect Prayer requests from one another and spend some time in prayer for each other.**



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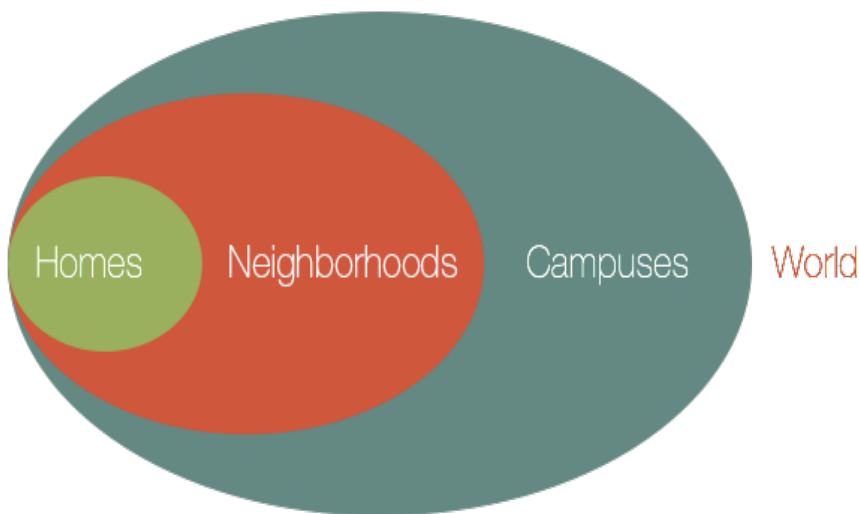
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# Mission and Vision

The mission of THE ASCENT CHURCH is to help people connect intimately with God, intentionally with God's family, and influentially with God's world. Our vision is to develop genuine biblical communities on every street in our region.

Our community lives out its vision and mission within three environments:

- Home — The best place for formation and nurture.
- Neighborhood — The best place for application and outreach.
- Campus — The best place for equipping, inspiration and celebration.



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